



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH
Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

February 14, 2023

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2023-000782

Dear Ethan Cole:

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on February 9, 2023, in which you initially sought: “the Signed RC Petition, Initial Letter to Employer, Initial Letter to Petitioner, RD Orders and Post-Hearing Briefs, Tally of Ballots and the Certification of Representative” in *Starbucks Corporation*, Case No. 03-RC-282115.

We acknowledged your request on February 9, 2023. In a telephone conversation and email with a member of the FOIA staff on February 9 and February 13, 2023, you were notified that all of your requested records, except for the Tally of Ballots, had been previously processed in prior FOIA requests and were listed and available on the case page at the following hyperlink: <https://www.nlr.gov/case/03-RC-282115>, and you confirmed you were able to successfully access the records.

Our search of the Agency’s electronic casehandling system, NxGen, for the one remaining record, located the Tally of Ballots, which is attached.

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category D, the “all other requesters” category, because you do not fall within any of the other fee categories. Consistent with this fee category, you will be assessed charges to recover the reasonable direct costs for searching for the requested records, except that you will not be charged for the first two hours of search. NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(ii)(D). Charges for all categories of requesters are \$9.25 per quarter hour of professional time. 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(i).

Less than two hours of professional time was expended in searching for the requested material. Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

You may contact Patrick Plummer, the Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at 202-273-2999 or by email at patrick.plummer@nlrb.gov, as well as

the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami
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National Labor Relations Board
1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20570
Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nrlrb.gov
Telephone: (202) 273-0902
Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Toll free: (877) 684-6448
Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at:
<https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> or by mail or email at:

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Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

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Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Synta E. Keeling

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FOIA Officer

Attachment: (one page)